

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION

United States of America

\_\_\_\_\_  
-vs-

Case No.: 1:23-cv-00853 DAE

**Greg Abbott, in his capacity as Governor of the  
State of Texas, and the State of Texas**  
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**MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Comes now Laura J. Brown, applicant herein, and  
moves this Court to grant admission to the United States District Court for the Western District of  
Texas *pro hac vice* to represent United States of America in this case, and would  
respectfully show the Court as follows:

1. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm (or practices under the name of)  
U.S. Department of Justice,

with offices at

Mailing address: P.O. Box 7611

City, State, Zip Code: Washington, DC 20044

Telephone: 202-514-3376

Facsimile: n/a

Email: laura.j.s.brown@usdoj.gov

2. Since 2008 ☐ , Applicant has been and presently is a member of and in good standing with the Bar of the State of Pennsylvania ☐.

Applicant's bar license number is 208171.

3. Applicant has been admitted to practice before the following courts:

Court:	Admission date:
<u>Western District Washington</u>	<u>6/29/2023</u>
<u>U.S. Court of Appeals for Fifth</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>6/4/2024</u>
<u>U.S. Court of Appeals for Tenth</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>5/2/2023</u>
<u>U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C.</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>11/2016</u>

4. Applicant is presently a member in good standing of the bars of the courts listed above, except as provided below (list any court named in the preceding paragraph before which Applicant is no longer admitted to practice):

N/A

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5. Applicant has never been subject to grievance proceedings or involuntary removal proceedings while a member of the bar of any state or federal court, except as provided below:

N/A

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6. Applicant has not been charged, arrested, or convicted of a criminal offense or offenses, except as provided below (omit minor traffic offenses):

N/A

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7. Applicant has read and is familiar with the Local Rules of the Western District of Texas and will comply with the standards of practice set out therein.

8. Select one:

☐ Applicant has on file an application for admission to practice before the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

☒ Applicant has co-counsel in this case who is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Co-counsel: **Bryan Lynk**

Mailing address: **P.O. Box 7611**

City, State, Zip Code: **Washington, DC 20044**

Telephone: **(202) 514-6187**

9. Should the Court grant applicant's motion, Applicant shall tender the amount of \$100.00 *pro hac vice* fee in compliance with Local Court Rule AT-1(f)(2) [checks made payable to: **Clerk, U.S. District Court**].

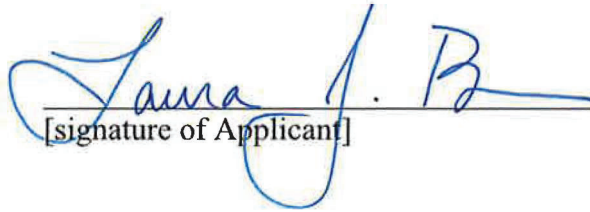
10. Should the Court grant applicant's motion, Applicant shall register as a filing user within 10 days of this order, pursuant to Administrative Policies and Procedures for Electronic Filing in Civil and Criminal Cases in the Western District of Texas.

Wherefore, Applicant prays that this Court enter an order permitting the admission of

Laura J. Brown to the Western District of Texas *pro hac vice*  
for this case only.

Respectfully submitted,

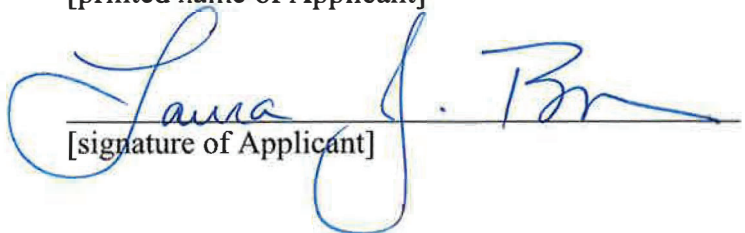
Laura J. Brown  
[printed name of Applicant]

  
[signature of Applicant]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a true and correct copy of this motion upon each attorney of record and the original upon the Clerk of Court on this the 16th day of July, 2024.

Laura J. Brown  
[printed name of Applicant]

  
[signature of Applicant]

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**ORDER**

BE IT REMEMBERED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, there was presented to the Court the Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* filed by **Laura J. Brown** (“Applicant”), counsel for **United States of America** and the Court, having reviewed the motion, enters the following order:

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* is GRANTED, and Applicant may appear on behalf of **United States of America** in the above case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant, if Applicant has not already done so, shall, in compliance with Local Court Rule AT-1(f)(2), immediately tender the amount of \$100.00, made payable to: **Clerk, U.S. District Court.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant, pursuant to the Administrative Policies and Procedures for Electronic Filing in Civil and Criminal cases in the Western District of Texas, shall register as a filing user within 10 days of the date of this Order.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Applicant’s *Pro Hac Vice* status shall not become effective until Applicant has complied with all provisions of this Order.

SIGNED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Environment and Natural Resources Division

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Washington, DC 20044*

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July 16, 2024

Philip J. Devlin  
Clerk of Court  
United States District Court  
Western District of Texas  
Austin Division  
501 W. 5th St., Suite 1100  
Austin, TX 78703

Re: Laura Brown Admission to Practice

Dear Mr. Devlin

This letter is written on behalf of Laura Brown, who has applied for admission to practice in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

My name is Angeline Purdy. I am a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia and a member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

I am not related to Ms. Brown and have known her for several years. I believe that Ms. Brown is qualified for admission to the Bar of this Court and is competent to practice before this Court, and that her private and professional character and standing are good.

I recommend Laura Brown for admission to practice before the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

I am willing to appear before the committee or members of the Bar on behalf of Ms. Brown.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angeline Purdy".

Angeline Purdy  
DC Bar No. 489236